



January 22, 2013

Re: Brandis Way Mail Route: Cluster Box Units for Mail Delivery

Dear Brandis Way Area Property Owner:

As many of you know, the County has been working with your community on flood mitigation efforts in the Brandis Way neighborhood since the Schultz Fire of 2010. After almost three years of conducting the required studies and securing the necessary funding, we are nearing completion of the engineering. Thanks to the interest and input of residents in the Brandis area, the County is planning to move forward this spring with the installation of long-term flood mitigation measures with the goal of completing them prior to the 2013 monsoon season.

As part of the construction planning process, the County has been coordinating with the United States Postal Service (USPS) on a proposal to install Cluster Box Units (CBU's) for mail drop-off and delivery for the Brandis Way area. These CBU's would be installed at the bus stop location near the intersection of Brandis Way and US Highway 89 (please see enclosed map).

In recent years, CBU's have become a preferred alternative to traditional curbside mailboxes. Convenient, safe and secure, these pedestal-mounted units afford neighborhood residents with 24-hour access to mail and package delivery at one centralized location. Because CBU's are locked and key-accessible only by authorized property owners, they also provide a significant deterrent to one of America's fastest growing crimes – identify theft.

Historically, one of the biggest obstacles for neighborhoods looking to enjoy the benefits of CBU's has been cost. For example, the CBU's needed to accommodate a 50 household-mail route would normally cost a community almost \$4000 not including the price of property acquisition or installation. However, because the County would be installing the units as part of the upcoming flood mitigation construction, the CBU's for Brandis Way and adjoining streets on this mail route would be offered at no cost to residents.

The County realizes that centralized mail delivery is a neighborhood decision. However, we wanted you to be aware of this opportunity as soon as possible so that we can coordinate accordingly with the USPS before construction begins. Regardless of the neighborhood's decision about CBU's, it is important to note that many of the existing mailboxes along Brandis Way and upstream of Doyle will have to be permanently relocated to the edge of the new roadway to accommodate the installation of new flood mitigation measures and the associated realignment of Brandis.

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VERY IMPORTANT: In order to move forward with centralized mail delivery, the USPS requires majority approval from residents along your mail route (approximately 50 households). If “50 percent plus 1” of residents along the Brandis Way mail route disapprove of the proposed CBU plan, **then this plan will not move forward.**

Conversely, if either the majority of comments received are in favor of CBU’s or if we do not hear from a majority of residents along this mail route, then the County will move forward with the installation of CBU’s for the Brandis mail route.

With this in mind, we request that you please contact the County **by no later than Friday, February 8th 2013 to provide your input** by either calling the Flood Hotline at 928-679-8390 or emailing us at schultzmitigation@coconino.az.gov. If you have any questions, then also please call or email them to us.

Please note that this tight timeline reflects the County’s desire to provide another “value add” to the Brandis area during flood mitigation construction this spring. We will continue to keep you informed as to the neighborhood’s decision regarding CBU’s, and will be contacting you as necessary with regards to this project.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lucinda Andreani".

Lucinda Andreani
Deputy Director, Public Works

Enclosure